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TAGS: OEXC, UR, (BECKWITH, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: 1975/76 SENIOR SCHOLAR EXCHANGE--BECKWITH PLACEMENT

1. EMBOFF AGAIN RAISED SUBJECT OF BECKWITH PLACEMENT WITH SEMYONOV APRIL 7, FOLLOWING UP ON MARCH 16 LETTER. SEMYONOV PRODUCED A LETTER FROM MIN CULT INFORMING MHE THAT MIN CULT COULD NOT AGREE TO BECKWITH PLACEMENT AT GLINKA MUSEUM, A MIN CULT INSTITUTION.

2. EMBOFF ASKED SEMYONOV IF REJECTION WAS, THEREFORE, TO BE INTERPRETED AS COMING FROM MIN CULT AND NOT MHE AND INQUIRED WHETHER MIN CULT HAD PROVIDED REASON(S) WHY THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT BECKWITH. SEMYONOV SAID FINAL DECISION WAS INDEED MIN CULT'S AND THAT NO REASON WAS GIVEN FOR IT.

3. ZASEDATL PIPED IN AT THIS POINT, SAYING THAT MIN CULT "PROBABLY" REFUSED BECKWITH BECAUSE IT WAS "UNHAPPY WITH HIS ACTIVITIES DURING, AND THE RESULTS OF, HIS EARLIER RESEARCH VISIT TO THE USSR."

4. DANILIN (SEMYONOV'S DEPUTY) AT THIS POINT ASKED WHAT BECKWITH'S FIELD WAS AND, WHEN TOLD BY EMBOFF THAT IT WAS IN FIELD OF MUSIC, HE MUMBLED "WHAT COULD HE HAVE DONE THAT WAS UNACCEPTABLE IN A FIELD LIKE THAT? DO YOU (ZASEDATL) KNOW THIS TO BE TRUE OR ARE YOU JUST GUESSING?" ZASEDATL REPLIED IN A LOWERED VOICE THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THIS BY MIN CULT REP. HE DID NOT

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GO INTO DETAILS. WHILE BRIEF DANILIN-ZASEDATL EXCHANGE WAS

GOING ON, SEMYONOV TRIED TO DISTRACT EMBOFF'S ATTENTION FROM  
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